

From Germany comes news of a Free Radio Publication produced by the KIKO- K8ln-Düsseldorfer Kurzwellenhörer Club. The Free Radio Guide-Shortwave-January 1984-March 1985.

It lists all the Free Radio stations on the air including an alphabetical list of stations, their frequencies, and a chronicle of events during the period. Containing 60 pages the 'Free Radio Guide' is in German and costs DM 10/ BFR 250 / HFL 12 /£3 or 9 International Reply Coupons from KIKO, Postfach 450 663, D-5000, K8ln, West Germany.

## ...and Finally

An interesting tale comes to us from Merseyside about a visit to Ireland. Rick Dane, late of Radio Jackie North & John Dwyer, ex-Voice of Peace, MAR, and other rip off deals recently went to the Emerald Isle with a view to setting up a Radio station. They drove around Ireland with a Transmitter, Disco Deck etc trying to find a suitable location. Some of the locals were none to happy with Rick and John, so they ran them out of town. Our heroes arrived at Ballina, County Mayo, where they assisted in the return of Westward Radio. After a few days Rick became a bit fed up of sleeping on the floor (obviously the sleeping partner!) and return home. He was however left over £100 out of pocket as John owed him a percentage of the advertising money taken, apparently the percentage trick is one of John's favourites. John has since also departed, complete with some of the station's equipment.

Rick Dane has also denied being bribed by John Dwyer to put Radio Atlantis off the air last summer. A charge also denied by Neil Fraser. Steve Tyler and Steve Bishop have been unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile we are trying to work out how Dwyer was involved with the Offshore Radio Atlantis as he is only in his late twenties and the station was closed by the Dutch MOA back in 1974.

Radio Kiwi (New Zealand) have their Court Case due shortly. The operator is planning to plead Not Guilty extolling those age old virtues of democracy, freedom of speech, etc. . .

POLAND: A report in the press recently told how secret Police swooped on an underground Solidarity TV station in the South of the country. Needless to say the operators were arrested. I wonder if they will be using Radio Kiwi's argument?

The Rebel Radio Network continue to promote Democracy from the United States & from the UK as we understand that Free Radio Operators in Britain have been receiving mail from the network with a Northampton postmark. These handouts invite stations to air Rebel Radio Network programmes, (no doubt live from the Ocean Mist anchored 4½ miles from Kettering) You are also invited to join the Free Radio Entrepreneurs Association. The Handout states "The FREA will document the past by revealing the state's propaganda of how they hijacked the past and how they are silencing the voice of opposition raised today" All very forthcoming but why do it

all the way from the states. Another handout (pink) states how Winston Churchill hated the BBC and broadcast over some of the pre war Free Radio stations when the BBC kept him off the air. Pop and Politics do not mix, neither does Free Radio.

One of the major ILR southern stations has done an indepth survey on costs and revenue etc for the small VHF Community stations. The result-no station will be able to last even twelve months.

Former Laser DJ Jessie Brandon has been refused the renewal of her work permit, preventing her from taking up capital Radio's offer of their late afternoon Drivetime show. Jessie is quoted as saying "Your Government doesn't know a Radio dial from a hole in the ground".

Many thanks to those who have helped put Wavelength together this time they include;

Ian, Alan, Shaun, Terry, Glenn, Paul, Chris, Anoraks UK, Rodney, Steve, Richard, Crystal Ball, Steve G, Steve A., Leon and Douglas.

Copydate for the next edition is November 28th. Slightly earlier in an attempt to get Wavelength 7 to you before Christmas.

*Adrian*

## EUROSIEGE '85

CHARLIE WOLF "... Now here's a couple of big revelations for you Chris"

CHRISTINE CARSON "O.K. Charlie I wait with bated breath."

Charlie "Worms on tounge huh, oh we found out last night according to our correspondants over at the Ross Revenge, oh by the way the people at the Ross have identified some of these DTI people they know them and I think they know where they live, I don't know about that, but we've got pictures of them and we do have a couple of them identified that should prove rather interesting, but according to Mike my correspondant over at the Ross Revenge he has, it is confirmed information. It has not been costing 50,000 quid a month, we've been wrong on that."

Chris: "O.K. then, what's the new figure Charlie."

Charlie: "The new figure is 50,000 a month from the IBA and 50,000 a month from the Government for a grand total of £100,000 sterling a month is what this operation is costing, now I think that also including the DTI's involvement, the hiring of the boat, or the Police on shore, or the printing of the cute little posters they've had, or and I think that includes the film processing, I'm not sure or but £100,000 a month is folks what you're paying for this operation."

Chris: "So breaking that down that comes to about £3,000 a day"

Charlie: "Er, yeah around that roughly £3,000 a day"

Chris: "£3,000 a day, boy"

Charlie: "£3,000 a day for this little operation and of course they have accomplished what they wanted, what that was to come out and survey, you know, or but they haven't accomplished, pardon me, they haven't accomplished anything else out here except for realising that a lot of anoraks come out and like us and wave at us and stuff and I don't think they have any solid evidence which they can take to court, so that's what its cost you folks, we've told you all along for absolutely nothing how we do our operation but luckily for the price of 100,000 a month the DTI has also confirmed that for us. Oh and another of couple other points I want to say Hi to all the breakers in Citizen Bandland or we talked to a member of the RNLI is that the correct yeh RNLI which is the lifeboat people, who we of course salute and depend on out here and I asked this Guy last night on our communications system if we had ever interfered with any of the rescue channels and this guy would know better than anyone and he confirmed that we don't so or big hello to the RNLI people and Oh by the way let me take a moment to say if you ever see the RNLI donations box in front of any of the stores I think its a replica of a little boat if you ever see one do drop your spare change in it 'cos those guys need it a lot and or we sure count on them and they do a fine job. That's the scene out her if the Dioptric comes back we'll break in to programming. From our vantage point on the poop deck of the m.v. Communicator, Charlie Wolf for Laser 558 News."

The above extract taken on Lay 29 of the Eurosiege sums up the whole DTI operation. We now have three figures for the cost of the exercise. The £50,000 we quoted last issue, the £100,000 discovered by Caroline's Michael Barrington, who also identified with Peter Phillips some of the DTI men and £65,000 a month from Record Mirror, although that amount is for the hire of the survey vessel- Dioptric Surveyor only.

The first real move (quite literally) Came on August 22 when the Laser ship Communicator upped anchor and moved ten miles north, to a new position close to the sealink shipping lanes. The Dioptric moved too, circling around the communicator, but unable to anchor in the open seas. The DTI were then faced with the choice of hiring another boat, or using twice as much fuel to monitor the stations. In the end the choice did not have to be made, as by the weekend the communicator had returned 'home' to the Knock Deep.



# WAVELENGTH EDITORIAL

Firstly may I begin by thanking those who commented on Wavelength 5. The General opinion was that it was the best issue to date. Not wanting to take all the credit I must also thank the regular contributors to Wavelength, and also to Barrie and Ruth at Anoraks UK for their help in the distribution.

After last month's sizeable issue I am sorry that this one might be a bit of a comedown, still we have tried to include the latest happenings from the Knock Deep where the Dioptric is still waiting patiently. I have had it mentioned to me that the DTI would manage a better job if they stopped any boat approaching the Communicator or Ross Revenge instead of just noting down details. Not so as the Dutch found out with Radio Paradijs. A supply trip might only be illegal when any drop is made. The main charge made against Laser and Caroline (+Monique of course) is still serious, although how Pop Music over communications systems can be instantly be attributed to an Off-shore station is beyond me, when there are hundreds of equally high powered transmitters around the United Kingdom and the continent.

With Community Radio just around the corner, we hope I am told that Jeff Rogers(ex-Radio Jackie) has said on South East Sound that as the 24hour stations close there will be a return to the Sun-day stations, Paul Watson agrees and tells of rumours about the return of Phoenix and Radio Telstar South. We shall wait and see, in the meantime as usual (Cliche coming up) your comments are appreciated!

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The Dioptric however is not the only boat which has been out monitoring the stations. On August 30th another Trinity House vessel named 'The Farne' took up position. Then on September 3rd a minesweeper from the Dutch Navy 'Mecken' circled the communicator and took up position next to the Ross Revenge. It is possible that the vessel was actually looking for mines, however it is a strange coincidence that the previous night the Dioptric had headed for port dragging her anchor in a force 9 gale. The minesweeper left on September 5th and has since not returned. September 13th saw the Dioptric replaced by 'The Green Echo' When the Dioptric arrived once more on the scene it had been refitted with a yellow, dingy like speedboat, lowered into the water by what Craig Novak described as 'The Three Stooges'.

The DTI have also been working against the Offshore stations on land. Caroline's Bank Holiday Rock Show and Beer event at Steeple had to be called off after the DTI threatened prosecutions should the event go ahead. The Lacey Street Blues Band, who have been promoted on Caroline and were to have taken part at the event to told us that they were disappointed that the DTI had stepped in.

The Free Radio association have also been involved in the publicity, complaining that they could not get a straight answer from anybody as to whether their trips were legal. It would appear that they are perfectly legal, and that people are perfectly within their rights to board the ships. The crime is supplying. We have however heard that some visitors have received a visit from their local Police enquiring as to the reason for their visit.

Talk has been made, once again from the Free Radio Association that the two ships might receive a joint tender direct from Spain, the only European Country not covered by the Marine Offences Act. Comments have already been made on Caroline about Fresh Spanish Orange Juice!

Laser meanwhile, now under the Management of John E. Catlett have charged the British Government with Gross Inadequacy through sending out the Survey Vessel, with the accusation of interference without contacting them first. In an open letter to Leon Brittan and Norman Tebbit, (then the Home Secretary and Minister for Trade and Industry respectively) Catlett says "If these statements are true then I wish to place on record that it is scandalously irresponsible of DTI Inspectors not to have contacted us immediately so that we might make any adjustments to pre-

vent this interference and, if necessary, go off the air until a solution was found". There has been no direct reply to this.

On August 19th BBC News showed a full report on the happenings in the Knock Deep. The film was shot on the previous Saturday and showed John Lewis in the Caroline studio, shots of the Communicator and an interview with Caroline's Peter Philips. Interesting to note here that the BBC reporter Gary Lloyd was shown not on the Ships but on a boat talking to the camera with the Ross in the Background.

The Department of trade says that the Dioptric will remain in the area for the foreseeable future, a spokesman says that they are waiting until they have identified every vessel that goes to the stations.

"It is a very open ended operation. We do not know how long it will take for us to identify every vessel that goes out there, so we cannot say how long the Surveyor will stay".

Interference is still the DTI's key card however after talking to a passing fisherman Caroline found that he had never received any interference from the Offshore stations, but had suffered from the BBC World Service!

Nevertheless the campaign against the two ships continues. Technology minister Geoffrey Pattie has labelled the stations 'potential Killers' referring to the 'interference' which the government claim the offshore broadcasters are causing "We are not sports who are against pop music, but this has greater importance than listening to Duran Duran". The DTI also continue to emphasise the danger aspect, where aeronautical beacons, which tell a pirate where he is are effected.

The final word on the DTI has to go to the star of the whole saga - Charlie Wolf

"Again Today no Helicopters have crashed into our mast so I guess that means we are still a potential life threat as opposed to an actual life threat".

Read OFFSHORE, produced in the Netherlands in English and Dutch, find out the latest events on the Communicator & Ross Revenge. For a sample copy send £1.50/5 DM/20 FFrs /\$3 or 3 International Reply Coupons to  
OFFSHORE Postbus 319, 2690 AH 's-Gravenzande, The Netherlands.

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### m.v. ROSS REVENGE

The presence of the Dioptric Surveyor on the North Sea has rather overshadowed events on board the ships themselves.

Amongst the new staff on Radio Caroline is Trevor James, formally with Radio Nova in Ireland, where he worked on the Nova Roadshow. He took over the Breakfast Show on August 29th, and begun the getting up for school spot which is three tracks played back to back and is featured each week-day morning at 7.15. Trevor also hosted a Weekend programme of modern dance music at 18.00 each Saturday. John Lewis however remained on the Ross Revenge reading the 18.30 news bulletin each evening, but nothing else! He returned to programmes on September 7th with the 0900 mid morning show. John has since disappeared from the line up once more, presenting a single show on October 6th. Most Intriguing, Mick Richards returned at 9am on October 12th "If you're wondering what I got up to during my time in Morocco, well I haven't been yet!" Mick has since replaced Trevor on the Breakfast Show.

The Second new name to Caroline at least is Nigel Roberts first noted around September 19th with the 0200-0600 slot. Nigel has been involved with Landbased Free Radio for a number of years, his main claim to fame was the many unanswered reception reports for the various stations he operated Utopia, Seaweed, GWR, Anorak were all his. Nigel, who plays a large amount of heavy rock music moved to 2200 on October

11th. Susan Charles presented the final Knock Deep Tea Party 'of the season' on Sunday September 29th, The programme featured Jazz and Blues Music.



Whilst the Dioptric Surveyor keeps an eye on current suppliers to Caroline Southend magistrates heard on October 4th of a trip in March of this year.

Donald Hill, Graham Bushell and Howard Beer all pleaded guilty to supplying fuel to the Ross Revenge. The East Anglian Daily Times reported that the three were seen on board the motor fishing vessel Aline on the River Crouch on March 8th. Beer ordered 1,700 gallons of Diesel fuel for which he paid £10,000 in cash. The fuel was pumped on board and the Aline left the Marina. On March 9th the Aline was spotted close to the Ross Revenge, and was seen by a Police launch. Defending in court Maxwell Lewis said "Millions of people most of them young enjoy listening to Radio Caroline all over the South East of England and they are not committing an offence by listening" Chairman Mr. Nick Lowe replied "Despite the enjoyment which may come from Radio Caroline, the station is illegal." Each of the defendants were fined £500 with £20 costs.

Finally a mention for Merseyside DJ Dave Collins who presented the nighttime 0200-0600 slot from August 7th and inadvertently got missed from our listing last issue. He soon changed places with American John Ford to host the midday - 1500 programme.

Caroline DJ Bruce Purdy, who is shortly off to America popped into see our Merseyside correspondent recently and left us the following message.

To all the readers  
of Wavelength magazine,  
Keep the LA in your  
day.

Best wishes,

Bruce Purdy

New advertisements have been noted for Top Deck skiing holidays and for a brush painted picture of the Ross Revenge. The long standing Newweek commercials have now been dropped although the magazine still sponsors the Daily Newsbulletin on Caroline.

Radio Monique's transmitter on 96.3kHz has been suffering from technical difficulties. On September 8th Caroline on 576 closed down at 17.30 for essential aerial and transmitter maintenance, announcing that they would be back in two hours. Caroline returned before 1900 & 96.3 remained off the air for the remainder of the evening and throughout Monday. Monique returned to the air on the Tuesday but with much poorer modulation. Further problems were noted later in the week with both 96.3 & 576 off the air.

Monique were off the air again on October 6th from 0830.

Advertising on Monique is very frequent with K-Tel and Tippex amongst the big names on the station. An American cigarette 'Happy' is promoted regularly. Stan Haag's Jukebox programmes are no longer heard on the station following accusations that Stan was drunk whilst presenting a show.

Since the advent of Winter Time for Europe on September 29th Monique's programming has been commencing and ceasing an hour later, with the result that Jamming 96.3 does not now begin until after Roy Masters at 2000.

#### M.V. COMMUNICATOR.

On September 18th under the headline of 'That Sinking Feeling' the London Standard featured Laser with the news that Charlie Wolf and Tommy Rivers had quit the station over pay, along with 3 other DJs currently on Shoreleave. The writer Peter Holt went on to say that Laser could not generate enough cash to survive. The article however is not entirely correct. Laser's New York office says that both the contracts for Tommy and Charlie had finished, Jonell was only a temporary member of staff and the others would return after their respective holidays. We understand however that Tommy and Charlie left after seeing how the back up supplies to the station had deteriorated over the year since they joined the station.

During his final week and a half on the station Charlie had remained strangely silent about the events going on around him, with record only announcements, which made us wonder if the programmes were taped. Although on September 12th he did seem to regain some of his enthusiasm for life, at least for a couple of days.

Within the past month Laser has left the air on several occasions. On September 25th the station closed down announcing maintenance work, which was uncertain how long would be taken to complete. The station was off the air the next day, but by Friday had returned. Laser was again off the air on October 4th and did not return until October 8th. Again the station was missing from the airwaves from the afternoon on October 11th returning on October 13th. No reason had been given for the break in transmission on these occasions.

Jay Mack joined Laser on September 18th, in the middle of a DJ shortage, as only three presenters were on board at the time besides Jay was Craig Kovak and Chris Carson. The three managed to keep the station going between 0600 and 2400 each hosting six hour long shows. The following week the situation was eased with the arrival of Chuck Cannon September 28th in the 20.00-01.00 slot. At this time Laser returned to the normal broadcasting hours of 0500-0100. The next new DJ to join the line-up was John Leeds, whilst Chris Carson left for some well earned shore leave. John is now presenting the mid morn-

ing show 0900-1300. On October 14th a further new voice joined the team Geoff Davis (we guessed at the spelling!) from Missouri, although for the past seven years he has lived out in the Rockies of Arizona. Apparently he wanted to get away from the Cacti!

Laser has recently had a massive boost to advertising revenue, thanks mainly to the publicity brought by the DTI. Many of the advertisers including ZX diets, Televisions and Video Recorders have been using the address of the 'International Business Centre, Mortimer Street, London' Before moving to the Admail address of Box 200 and the Teledata telephone number of 01 200 0200. As many as 4 advertisements have been heard in an hour during peak listening times.

The Rockin' America Countdown continues each Sunday, hosted by 'The Shadow' whilst Scott Shannon is on holiday. The programme was missing from the schedules on September 29th. The other syndicated programmes 'Off The Record' and Doctor Demento have not been noted of late.

#### M.V. PEACE

Reports from the Voice of Peace indicate that the state of the ship was not as bad as first reported. At Abe Nathan's request the ship was kept in port so that repairs could be carried out. As no money was available for the repairs at the time the staff were sent home. The Voice of Peace has now returned to the air once more.

## IRELAND

#### MAGIC 103

After barely eight weeks on the air Magic 103 has closed. The station, which ran alongside Radio Nova in Dublin had failed to make any profit. Radio Nova's news service has also been cut with bulletins now only appearing 7am-7pm and no news read at the weekend.

Acknowledgements to Anoraks.

For the biggest selection of free radio merchandise, incl. "Weekly Report" and medium wave frame aerials...contact "ANORAKS U.K.", P.O. BOX 539, BLACKPOOL, FY1 4RE, ENGLAND.



# Short Wave

Reception conditions now appear to be changing from bad to worse with an all time low on October 6th when we did not receive anything whatsoever. I understand that our friends at Anoraks UK in Blackpool did not fair much better. Addresses for this section are numbered in brackets ( ) and listed at the end.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (1) have been noted twice in recent weeks. On August 18th they were heard on 6200 at 1208 with a QSO and also on 6240 with Radio Rainbow (Ireland) WMR announced that they had recently been testing on medium wave. On September 15 they were heard on 6285 with another QSO this time with Radio Hotel Amigo.

REBEL RADIO NETWORK (2) continue to broadcast from the most unlikely of locations. Their 'boat' m.v. Ocean Mist has been 'anchored' 4 1/2 miles off Anglesey on September 22 and 4 1/2 miles from Douglas, Isle of Man on September 29th, both occasions on 6290kHz. The programmes are in English and Japanese. During the September 29th broadcast DJ John England was heard attacking the British Government's Community Radio proposals.

CRYSTAL RADIO (3) continue fortnightly on 7375, battling against the conditions. Their broadcast on September 9th suffered QRM from one of the German number stations.

August 25th saw the return of RADIO WOODSTOCK INTERNATIONAL (4) on 6210, although the transmission was difficult to hear due to the Skull and Bones Radio System who were operating on the same channel. Luis Nieto announced that the station would return next year.

BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL (6&7) were heard on 6225 at 0830 on September 1st. Their 4th Sunday September broadcast was cancelled after the team arrived at the site to find it being ploughed up by a tractor.

RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL were noted on September 1st on 6230 and 7316 and again on October 6th. (5)

RADIO APOLLO (5&6) have been off the air recently due to illness, but hope to return before the end of the year.

RADIO ATLANTIS SHORT WAVE (5&6) made a brief appearance on October 13th. Starting at 1030 on 6202, but changing frequency to 6270 at 1100 to avoid QRM to Falcon Radio on 6200. A special Christmas broadcast is once again planned on FM, MW and Short Wave featuring a 'phone-in'.

## IRELAND.

FALCON RADIO (8) are now broadcasting via the International Radio Relay Service, in Dublin. The signal is very good. August 18th the station were heard on 6200, while on September 1st they moved frequency to 6233/4. On October 6 Falcon were heard with a relay of the New Zealand station KIWI RADIO(9).

The SKULL AND BONES RADIO SYSTEM (10) continue to be heard most weeks on 6210. On August 25th they tested a 100 watt rig in a broadcast containing tracks by the Eagles. The station was originally on the air in January 1977 until late 1978, when the station closed due to the operators involvement with medium wave stations such as East Coast Radio. The reason for the return was the pending legislation by the Irish Government. The current transmitter uses 9 valves. A dipole aerial is used 25 feet off the ground. Thanks to Gary St. John at Skull and Bones.

ABC WATERFORD (11) have recently been operating their Shortwave transmitter on 6242 as a daily service.

RADIO RAINBOW(12) were heard on August 18 and 25th on 6240, both times with QRM to/from ABC Waterford. Rainbow has not been heard of late.

RADIO SKYWAVE (8) have improved their signal on 6260 in recent weeks, and now have an FRC programme from noon to 1pm. On September 1st however the station made a broadcast on 6250 and as a result were flattened by Vatican Radio. Skywave plans to move to the 41 metre band shortly. The station has asked us to point out that their correct address is now Po Box 1696, Dublin 1. as mail is still arriving at their previous address. The power used is 40 watts with a quarter wave vertical aerial.

SHAMROCK RADIO (13) are continuing to test on 6295 and were noted August 18, 25 September 1st and 8th. Regular programmes are expected to commence shortly.

RIVERSIDE RADIO were heard on September 29 announcing "We are using 5 watts and are transmitting from a remote part of Ireland". Our correspondent Glenn Hocking is of the opinion that this was ABC Waterford, which is backed up by the fact that at sign off at 1300 the station joined ABC.(14).

WESTSIDE RADIO(10) continue every week on 6280, although on October 13 suffered problems with the microphone.

RADIO IRELAND (15) are currently off the air due to modulation problems.

CAPITAL RADIO continue intermittently on 6268 and were last heard on August 25th. The station has no mailing address at present.

## THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

RADIO DELMARE (16) continue to be heard every week on 6205 with a very strong signal, which sometimes splatters to as far as 6240. Modulation has been very bad but improved from September 29th onwards, on this date it was announced that some weekday transmissions would be made. It also appears that AWR have taken note of Delmare's jamming and moved to 6215!

The station was heard giving thanks to BRT and Radio Netherlands for their support.

RADIO TITANIC had a 10th birthday special September 1st with a grand finale tx on 6280, 6300 and 7326. The first frequency was from West Germany, while the other two were from the Netherlands. Mention of 11400 was also made.(17)

KBC RADIO(18) were heard on September 1 on 7315.

MUSIC RADIO HOLLAND(19) made a broadcast on September 1 with an uncontrollable transmitter. In the space of 21 minutes the tx moved from 7355 to 7385 at 0937, then to 7362 at 0944 finally going off at 0952. Remarkable!

THE RADIO FOUNDATION (20) were heard via KBC on 7315 on August 18th then via its own transmitter on 7373(We think) September 1st.

CLOC (21) were heard via Demare on September 8 on 6207.

RADIO TOMAIR(22) were noted on 6240 September 15th and again on September 21st. On October 6 the station announced a 1st Sunday schedule, featuring Golden Oldies between 0700 and 0830.

RADIO MARABU were on the air via Radio Delmare September 22nd on 6207 with a independent music show with Phil Abbot. The station was also heard August 18th via the IRRS, a programme previously aired by Delmare on July 21st.

REL-RADIO BIG LIZARD(23) transmitting from France September 22nd, with programmes in English and French. It was announced that this was one of their occasional broadcasts.

STARLIGHT RADIO were noted September 1 and again October 6 on 7310 in English. The station comes from West Germany, although we do not have an address at present.

RADIO 49 were heard via Radio Milano International on 7295 on the 41 metre band on September 7th.

FRC HOLLAND(17) Celebrated their 5th birthday August 18th with a special programme via Radio Delmare.

RADIO BRIGITTE made a transmission on September 29. With terrible modulation, although they were not jamming anybody on this occasion.(24)

FUTURE WORLD RADIO (18) were heard on 7310 August 25th.

## Addresses

When writing to stations please include return postage. International Reply Coupons can be obtained from main Post Offices.

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- 2) Po Box 255, Venus, Texas 76084.USA
- 3) 190 Monument Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham, England. B16 8UU
- 4) 23 Simpson Street, Falkirk, Scotland
- 5) Po Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk, England PE36 5AU.
- 6) Po Box 750925, D 2820, Bremen, West Germany
- 7) 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England, SP1 3JG.
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## MediumWave

## F.M.

### LONDON AND THE SOUTH EAST.

South East Sounds were raided during programming on August 11th. At 12.55 Site Engineer Ray Adams was approached by four men including Eric Cotts a well known Pirate buster in the London area who appears to have lost none of his old charm in fact he greeted Ray with the words "Hello Ray, Long Time no see" After taking Ray's name and address he said "You might be hearing from us and you might not". No Police were present during the raid. The station was planning to take a Summer break before the raid, and due to the DTI was slightly longer than expected! The station duly returned testing 1179kHz September 22, but back on their regular frequency of 1188 the following week.

ALICE'S RESTAURANT are now back on the air each Sunday using 92mHz with a schedule of 9am-9pm

CONTRAST FM broadcast irregularly on 90mHz.

CONTACT FM use 102.9 on Mondays.

RADIO FREE LONDON are back on the air first heard since their return on August 25 and have been heard most Sundays since on 92mHz Stereo. Taped programmes are being broadcast at present, although the station hopes to go 'Live' in the future. They first appeared back in 1969

RADIO GEMINI are on the air occasionally to the Clapham area, using 105.6

HORIZON RADIO closed down on September 15th at 4.30pm. Like a number of other 24 hour stations Horizon felt that they would have a better chance at obtaining one of the Community Radio licences if they closed down. Following the official closedown a live link came on air from Horizon's Farewell alldayer at the Harrow Leisure Centre which was attended by an estimated 30,000 people. Unfortunately the link between the PA system and the transmitter was lost at 10.55pm, although the transmitter remained on until past 11.50pm.

JBC is now broadcasting daily on 105mHz (announced). It is rumoured to be an offshoot from DEC.

K-JAZZ have now changed frequency to 90.2 and have also been reported on 89.9 In their broadcast on October 6, K-Jazz announced that they had now officially joined forces with Radio Activity and were using the same transmitter. Radio Activity have been playing Italian Music with Soul and claiming to be London's European station playing music from all over Europe.

LONDON WEEKEND RADIO continue to ensure that Londoners get their diet of Jazz-funk by broadcasting daily on 92.5 The station returned to the air on September 18th, however they were raided once more on October 1st.

SOLAR RADIO closed September 29, just two weeks short of their first birthday. Live links were done to Crystal Palace, Peckham, Hackney and Alexandra Palace. The latter from beneath the BBC transmitter mast-(They even said hello to The BBC Security guards) Several hundred people gathered at each location to see the Solar space cruiser. The station also played its listeners Top 100, Number 1 was 'Fatback' although we understand that Jesus and Mary Chain did not appear.

THREE BOROUGH'S RADIO is a new London Medium wave station, which is really ex-Radio Floss. They have been using 1350 broadcasting to North London with a rock, pop and new wave format, from 10am-4pm Sundays. The station was however raided on September 29th.

RADIO VICKY broadcast with low power to Clapham on 105.2

An UNIDENTIFIED station was heard on September 22 and 29 on around 100.5mHz

LOCATION:Crystal Palace, South London  
TRANSMITTER POWER: 100 Watts  
ANTENNA HEIGHT: 450feet above Sea Level  
ANTENNA TYPE: Co-Linier 4dB gain  
COVERAGE:Greater London  
TURNTABLES: Technics SL 1200 Mk2  
CARTRIDGES: Audio Technica ATP 6  
MICROPHONE:AKA 202  
MIXER: Partridge Community 12 Channel with Telephone Interface.  
MIXER (2) : Modified Phonic 9 Channel  
CARTRIDGE MACHINES: 2 ITC Single Stack  
COMPACT DISC PLAYER: Sanyo.

Additional Outside Broadcast Mobile Studio Contained in a 40foot trailer unit hauled by BAF Turbo Diesel Tractor unit.

# SOLAR RADIO

playing tapes of recorded music from Radio One, however they did not always cut the DJ out. Music from Kate Bush, Genesis and other albums was also played The station was heard again on October 6 around 99-100mHz, with a slightly overmodulated signal. Anybody able to identify it?

INNERCITY RADIO are broadcasting to Basildon, Essex on 103.3mHz. Transmitting tests are currently being made with the intention of broadcasting 24 hours over the weekend. They were heard in Kent on September 29th at 8.36pm. Reception there was fair.

### Addresses:

South East Sound, 58 Aldesbrook Road, London E12 5DY.

Alice's Restaurant, 299a, The Heatway, Dagenham, Essex.

Contrast FM, 20 Palace Road, New Southgate, London, N11.

Radio Free London, BCM Box 92, London WC1N 3XX.

Radio Gemini, 50 Gaskell Street, London SW4 6AJ.

Horizon Radio, 2 Lexington Street, London W1.

K-Jazz(New Address)1-2 The Piazza, London WC2

Solar Radio, Unit 1 8-20 Wells Street, London E9

Three Boroughs Radio, ECM Broadcasting, London WC1N 3XX.

### KENT

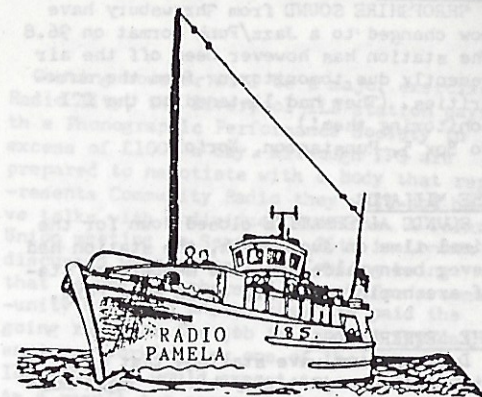
RADIO ATLANTIS, the FM service of the Shortwave station hopes to make some Sunday Evening broadcasts to Kent and Sussex on Sunday Evenings on 105.

RADIO PAMELA are to experiment with a new 15 watt medium wave transmitter on 1615kHz. Tests so far have proved positive A recent high power broadcast on 1094 was received in Penzance, Cornwall by Glenn Hocking. A new Short wave transmitter is also under construction at the station. Radio Atlantis Po Box 5 Hunstanton, Norfolk  
Radio Pamela, 82a. Delce Road, Rochester, Kent, ME1 2HN.

### PORTSMOUTH.

HILLSIDE RADIO (102) have been off the air in recent weeks due to transmitter difficulties, however they have now returned.

Hillside Radio, 10 Bromyard Crescent, Faulsgrove Portsmouth, PO6 3SP



### MERSEYSIDE AND THE NORTH WEST.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES are on the air Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday on 1242. with a signal which covers a good part of the North West. In recent weeks other Merseyside medium wave stations have been off the air.

A number of FM stations have been operating from different parts of the area. These include Radio Comodore on 103.8, Deeside Community Radio on 92.2 and 9107 on 97.6, The latter being a breakaway from Kiss FM who are currently off the air. It is rumoured that Kiss may be going after one of the Community licences

CONCEPT RADIO have been causing interference to RADIO VERONICA as both operate on 104.7.

STORETON COMMUNITY RADIO were raided on September 1 at 1200, as a result all of the other stations, with the exception of Radio Veronica switched off.

KISS FM have closed down as they have not been receiving much listener response. An all day broadcast yielded a single telephone call. They plan to return under a new format. Advertisements on Kiss FM had been recorded from neighbouring ILR stations.

Radio Merseywaves, 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside.  
Radio Veronica, 81 Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 17.

SOLAR RADIO have had a sister station operating in the Manchester area on 102.5 They are currently the only 'Free' station in the city.

For all your transmitting needs contact ELECTRON ELECTRONICS with FM transmitters from 15 watts and AM Transmitters from 30 watts. Write to Electron Electronics Po Box 5, Hunstanton, Norfolk. PE36 5AU.



#### SHROPSHIRE

SHROPSHIRE SOUND from Shrewsbury have now changed to a Jazz/Funk format on 96.8 The station has however been off the air recently due to monitoring from the authorities. (They had listened to the DTI monitoring them!)  
Po Box 5, Munstanton, Norfolk.

#### THE MIDLANDS

SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE closed down for the final time on August 4th, the station had never been raided and some members of staff are hoping to carry on in some form.

#### THE NETHERLANDS.

Dutch Medium wave stations that do a bit more than just play barrel organ music and say 'hallo hallo' between records have shown a bit of a resurgence recently. Correspondents Paul Watson and Glenn Hock -ing Report the following.

RADIO OERUIG UTAN broadcast on 1508 with an address of Postbus 114 's Heerenberg, The Netherlands (Correction to Wavelengths)

RADIO TORENVALK is one of the strongest of the newer stations. They use 1094 after the closedown of Radio One. On September 28th the station relayed RADIO KIWI from New Zealand.

Other stations heard are Radio Marianna heard with a strong signal on September 1st 1612 KHz. RADIO DELTA on 1619KHz September 1st, RADIO ARMADA heard September 8th in English and Dutch on 1618. Armada are one of the bands most frequent broadcasters. RADIO SAPPORRO were heard with a QSO in Dutch on September 21st and again on the 28th. RADIO TONAIR were heard on 1619 in Dutch on September 22nd. RADIO ATLETICO were heard on September 22 and 29 after 0000 on 1614/5. RADIO SEAGULL INTERNATIONAL are heard at various times on 1619, but with poor modulation and an average signal. RADIO STRAYA in Hoogeveen are heard regularly on 1619.

#### FRANCE.

RADIO ROULOGNE LITTORAL have restarted their English service, which goes out on Mondays 6pm-4am on 91.6. This can be heard on the South Coast of England.

TW SOUND SALES have one of the largest ranges of Free Radio Merchandise in the UK. Send a SAE for our price list or 35p (refundable with any order of £3 or over.) for our 16 side A4 catalogue. Tender Trip from South East Sounds 1 hour of free Radio News and Rock music 20p (you supply unboxed tape) 70p tape supplied (Edited Version) 2 Shows for 35p and 85p respectively.

TW Sound (Sales) Glenburn, Cardigan Rd, London, SW13 0EH.

Corrections and Additions to Waveguide (Wavelength 5)

- 14) Radio Carousel have closed down.
- 20) EST have closed down.
- 29) KFM have closed down and are unlikely to return.
- 38) Radio Merseywaves: Correct address is 9 Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirrel, Merseyside.
- 53) Sounds Alternative have now closed.
- 56) Southside Radio have now closed down
- 64) UK Radio have closed their Shortwave service.
- 69) Wrekin City Radio closed down several months ago.

## COMMUNITY

The race to commence Community Radio is on, although complaints are coming from all sides as to the rules of the game.

The Government have now put back the date by which applications must be forwarded from September 30th to October 31st. This has been met with mixed opinions as although all stations were expected to have at least made their intentions known by the first date it is being seen wrong to change such a rule halfway through, perhaps giving those less prepared a chance to catch up.

Once all the applications have been tended they will be passed to an advisory panel, recently named by the Government, and seen by some as a reliable indication of the kind of group most likely to be successful. They are Stephen O'Brien (Chairman), Chief executive of Business in the Community, an organisation for the promotion of small businesses. Bevan Johns, Chairman of the Community Radio Association, Ray Beatty, National Organiser of the Community Radio Association; Diana Eccles, Vice Chairman of the national Council of Voluntary Organisations, Jill Mc Ivor, a member of the IBA, and Richard Wade, Chief assistant to the Director of the BBC, Wade's present position in the Corporation involves him in the general Radio Policy making for the BBC. Readers may note that the list does not include any Bone Fide ex-Pirates and shows that 'community' is a very in-word as far as the Home Office is concerned.

Many of the applicants see the Community Radio stations as mini ILR stations at least as far as the profits are concerned. Stations are having elaborate plans with big names in the media behind

them David Dimbleby, the broadcaster; Stuart Burrows, the Welsh Tenor, Clive Lloyd, the Cricketer to name just three, these are joined by ex-BBC and ex-ILR people, all of whom appear to have decided that Community Radio is for them, the amount of money to put into the projects is also quite considerable considering what the 24 hour stations in this country started on, and more particularly the Sunday stations of past years.

Stockport Businessman Gunther Robert Meyer is putting his proposed station forward with £100,000 worth of backing, so too is another Manchester based station Sunset Radio, with ILR Piccadilly DJ Mike Shaft as the Managing Director. In London, Spectrum Radio at Kentish Town expect to receive a £260,000 grant from the GLC. Like the name says Spectrum are planning a wide variety of programming with specialist language programmes in Greek, Chinese, Turkish and Italian. With backing like that who can go wrong. Former Offshore Broadcaster Tony Blackburn, who along with Tony Prince-ex Caroline and Luxembourg and Chris Cary of Nova Dublin appears to have done just that by pulling out of his bid for a community licence on the grounds that he did not want to be a star in Swiss Cottage and unknown in Hammersmith. In a letter to broadcast magazine Mark Jones, programme controller at the Cable station Radio Thamesmead said that the stations will not make a lot of money, but will be viable in the area they serve. He dismisses Tony Price's view that they are the sort of people the Home Office should attract by saying that their roots are still with the Offshore days of the 60's "They want a land-based version of those days, only with a Specialist music format."

Individual applications are going well, although the overriding opinion as expressed by Radio Jackie man Peter Streams is that there are too few licences available. In London 27 groups are contending for just five licences, 17 of which are aiming at one of three 'Small neighbourhood' licences. Outside London the most unlikely place of North West Wales is the next most hotly contested area. As many as eight groups are after just one medium wave licence. Next the groups include NUAC Radio, with the support of Graham Symonds the ex-owner of Ludlow's Sunshine Radio, who says there is no point in broadcasting pop when the area is covered by many of the Irish stations. The local Newspaper 'North Wales Weekly News' is considering a licence bid, one of many newspaper groups across the country.

Costing however will be a major exercise. Radio City, the Liverpool ILR station pays the Phonographic Performance Society in excess of £1000 a day. Although FPS are prepared to negotiate with a body that represents Community Radio they will not have talks with individual stations. A Joint Union meeting on September 25th in London discussed wage rates, the feeling being that no union members will work for a community stations unless they are paid the going rate for the job in hand. A typical engineer working for one of the larger ILR stations would expect to earn £12,000+. As a result two proposals have been put forward.

- 1) Stations using non-union members will be blacked.
- 2) Stations must have Union Engineers 'on call' and all repairs and servicing must be done by Union labour.

Also any news supplied must be by NUJ members only. Meantime the alliance of commercial radio unions NUJ/ACTT/BETA hope to produce an agreement with the Community Radio Association for the 'proper and safe' use of volunteers in Community Radio. Both sides have however expressed concern at community projects being taken up by profiteers at the expense of the community itself.

Union policy is expected to be ready before Christmas.

Another problem facing the community stations is insurance. In order to prevent sudden liable actions the present policy covering ILR stations requires all station output to be recorded on tape and then kept for three months, something which would prove expensive.

Stereo broadcasting is something which seems to have been brushed under the carpet by the Home Office in the hope that nobody will notice it. The current specifications make Stereo virtually impossible. The DTI say that community radio is only an experiment, if successful Stereo might be considered.

Nevertheless with all the problems with Community Radio it is the involvement of big business which is causing the most friction. In Wirrel the four applicants consist of Storeton Community Radio, a group of businessmen, A nightclub owner and a group consisting of ILR men who envisage making a quarter of a million pounds profit, as they plan Sponsoring by major companies, as opposed to your local corner shop. It would appear that fireworks are on the way. . .